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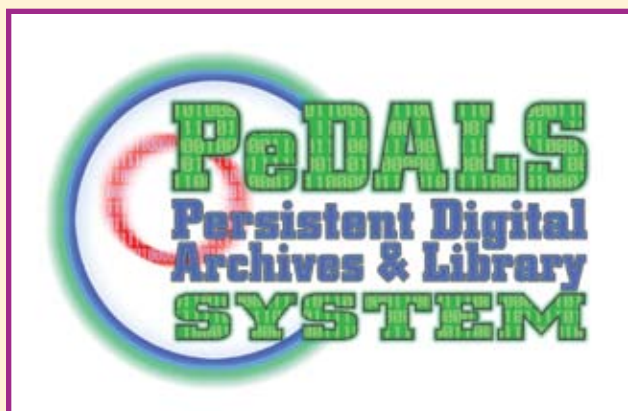
News about South Carolina's state and local government records management  
from the South Carolina Department of Archives & History

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state and local governments, check our [WEB](#) page.

## Archives Participating in Multi-State Digital Archives Project

As reported last year in the [May issue](#) of *On the Record, Online*, the Department of Archives and History is participating in a multi-state project to develop a digital archives for permanently valuable electronic records. With grant funds provided



by the Library of Congress and Institute of Museum and Library Services, we are working with state archives and libraries in Arizona, Florida, New York, and Wisconsin to build the system. When completed, the Persistent Digital Archives and Library System (PeDALS) will enable us to automate processes involved in

transferring, describing, securely storing, preserving, and providing on-line access to archival records in digital formats. Originally, the plan was to include only state government records in the system prototype, but if the Library of Congress approves a recent proposal to continue and expand the project, we plan to extend participation to local governments as well. The system is using Microsoft's BizTalk software to automate the business rules associated with processing the records and Stanford University Libraries LOCKSS (lots of copies keep stuff safe) technology to provide secure storage. Public access will be provided via a separate web server. Recently, orders from the SC Public Service Commission became the first digital records officially transferred for "ingest" into the system.

For more information and to download the project brochure, [click here](#). If you are interested in participating in the prototype, contact [Bill Henry](#) (803-896-6137) or [Bryan Collars](#) (803-896-4808).

## Mark Your Calendars: SCPRA Fall Conference October 22-23 in Columbia

Due to the continuing bad news on the economy and state and local government reductions, the [SC Public Records Association](#) will not meet in Myrtle Beach as it has for the past twelve years. Rather, as an economy measure for all concerned, the fall conference will be held at the SC Archives and History Center. Stay tuned for details.

## Awards

The SC State Historical Records Advisory Board (SC SHRAB) makes awards recognizing significant contributions to preserving and increasing the appreciation and/or use of the Palmetto State's documentary heritage. (Funding for the awards program is made possible by a grant from the [National Historical Publications and Records Commission](#), a branch of the National Archives.) This year's awards were presented at the annual meeting of the South Carolina Historical Society, Charleston, on Saturday, February 7, 2009. Below is a listing of the award recipients. For further details and photos, see: [www.state.sc.us/scdah/shrab/2009awards/2009awards.htm](http://www.state.sc.us/scdah/shrab/2009awards/2009awards.htm).

### **Governor's Archives Award**

K. Sharon Bennett, Charleston

For her dedication and contributions to the archival community and to the preservation of South Carolina's history

### **Awards of Merit**

The Historical Center of York County

For records disaster assistance at the York County Courthouse, November 2008

### **CGM Computer Consulting, Inc., Columbia**

For extensive free on-site technical assistance to the SC Department of Archives and History in upgrading and enhancing the Department's [Online Records Index](#).



From left: K. Sharon Bennett, Nancy Sambets and Brooke Bauer (York County), Ken Carter, president CGM

## Digital Copy Services and Products Available

Over the past few years the Archives has acquired equipment to make digital copies from microfilm and from historical paper originals. Though used primarily to digitize Archives' holdings, we also provide limited fee-based scanning services to state and local government and the public. Here are two pieces of equipment that provide important scanning services:



Archives staff member scanning a *Mills Atlas* map on the Zeutschel scanner

### Zeutschel 10000 Omniscan AO Scanner

It accommodates up to 3'x4' original documents in color at high resolution. The new scanner allows us to scan large format items that previously we could not handle. (For example, a staff team now working on automating access to our map collection will now also be able to scan our maps for online access.) In addition, the new scanner accommodates original bound volumes with minimal physical

impact on those volumes. If you are interested in learning more about this, contact [Bryan Collars](#).

### Mekel Microfilm Mark IV Scanner

It produces high quality digital images from microfilm, allowing the Archives to make images of filmed records available over the Web while still relying on the microfilm's archival storage capability. If you are interested in learning more about this, contact [James Barkley](#).

The Archives is also printing digital copies of the 1938 edition of the *Mills Atlas* for sale in the gift shop as well as [online](#).



## SC ArchCat Online

In 2005, the SC State Library awarded the Archives a \$158,650 grant to convert our outdated in-house DOS-based AIIMS catalog to a Web-accessible Windows-based version, SC Archives Catalog (SC ArchCat). The grant project goals were to save, protect, and properly maintain catalog data and to make this extensive data on holdings available online for wider public access. (Much of the catalog data had been developed in the early to mid- 1990s with the assistance of a \$100,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.) Though visitors to our Reference Room have long been able to access our DOS-based AIIMS catalog, Web-accessible information on holdings was limited to [summary lists](#) of records series for state agencies and local governments. Now researchers can access our catalog from anywhere and search extensive records descriptive information, including individual folder listings within boxes.

The SC ArchCat address is <http://rediscover.sc.gov>. Visit the site and let us know what you think of it.

Special thanks for making SC ArchCat possible goes to the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#), which provides the funding administered by the [SC State Library](#).



## Sale of Currency on eBay

The Archives is selling bank notes issued by the Bank of South Carolina during the Civil War on eBay. The Archives has many thousands of such bank notes that should have been destroyed in the 1880s after being redeemed. High quality sets of the bank notes are being retained at the Archives and at the State Museum, with the vast quantities of other bank notes at the Archives being prepared for the online auction. The proceeds from the eBay sales, though modest at this point, are helping the Archives deal with the ongoing state budget cuts. Use these links to view news articles about the sale: [USA Today](#) and [Charleston Business Journal](#).



## News from the Wider World

**W3C Investigates Possible e-Gov Standards**, *Government Computer News*, April 1, 2009

<http://gcn.com/articles/2009/04/01/w3c-egov.aspx>

**VA, DOD to Create Lifetime E-Record**, *Federal Computer Week*, April 9, 2009

<http://fcw.com/Articles/2009/04/09/Web-VA-DOD-erecord.aspx>

**Maine Invests in Collaborative Web Mapping**, *Government Technology*, April 2, 2009

<http://www.govtech.com/gt/633927>

**National Historical Publications and Records Commission Newsletter Sign Up**

<http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/newsletter/>

## A Final Word

Budgets in South Carolina state and local governments continue under considerable stress, with staffing and other resource reductions being the new norm. Federal stimulus funds offer hope amid mixed signals in the economy. We are still in the valley, and many predict that we will have to slog along in it for months to come before we can expect to move on to higher ground. I am sure you are making adjustments to the new realities just as we at the Archives are doing. We at the Archives continue to be available to advise and assist you with records-related matters. Be sure to visit our [website](#) regularly for useful records information and guidance.

As always, feel free to contact me about our programs and services.

[Roy H. Tryon](#), CA, CRM

State Archivist and Records Administrator



## Links

### **May 2008 issue of OTROL**

<http://arm.scdah.sc.gov/otrol/>

### **PeDALS information site for SCDAH**

<http://arm.scdah.sc.gov/erp/grants.htm>

### **SC SHRAB**

[www.state.sc.us/scdah/shrab/shrab1.htm](http://www.state.sc.us/scdah/shrab/shrab1.htm)

### **National Historical Publications and Records Commission**

[www.archives.gov/nhprc/](http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/)

### **SC SHRAB Awards**

[www.state.sc.us/scdah/shrab/2009awards/2009awards.htm](http://www.state.sc.us/scdah/shrab/2009awards/2009awards.htm)

### **SC ArchCat**

<http://rediscov.sc.gov>

### **Institute of Museum and Library Services**

[www.imls.gov/](http://www.imls.gov/)

### **SC State Library**

[www.statelibrary.sc.gov/](http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/)

### **Zeutschel 10000 Omniscan AO Scanner**

[http://graphics.kodak.com/docimaging/uploadedfiles/it\\_OS10000A0.pdf](http://graphics.kodak.com/docimaging/uploadedfiles/it_OS10000A0.pdf)

### **Mekel Microfilm Mark IV Scanner**

[www.mekel.com/pdfs/machIV-microfilm-scanner.pdf](http://www.mekel.com/pdfs/machIV-microfilm-scanner.pdf)

### **SCDAH Publications for sale online**

<http://scdah.sc.gov/publications/>

### **Currency Sale**

#### **Article in USA Today**

[www.usatoday.com/news/offbeat/2009-04-07-old-money\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/offbeat/2009-04-07-old-money_N.htm)

#### **Article in Charleston Business Journal**

[www.charlestonbusiness.com/news/26791-state-sells-confederate-era-cash-to-raise-money?rss=0](http://www.charlestonbusiness.com/news/26791-state-sells-confederate-era-cash-to-raise-money?rss=0)

### **SCPRA**

[www.scpa.org](http://www.scpa.org)

### **W3C Investigates Possible e-Gov Standards**

<http://gcn.com/articles/2009/04/01/w3c-egov.aspx>

### **VA, DOD to Create Lifetime E-Record**

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### **Maine Invests in Collaborative Web Mapping**

[www.govtech.com/gt/633927](http://www.govtech.com/gt/633927)

### **National Historical Publications and Records Commission on-line Newsletter Sign up**

[www.archives.gov/nhprc/newsletter/](http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/newsletter/)



## More Links

### **ARM website**

<http://arm.scdah.sc.gov>

### **Online Records Index**

[www.archivesindex.sc.gov/](http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/)

### **Summary Guide**

[www.state.sc.us/scdah/guide/guide.htm](http://www.state.sc.us/scdah/guide/guide.htm)